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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

Japanese U.M. Application (Kokai) Pub. No. S62-69466 relates to a sealing lid in a food packing container which is composed of a thin film 3 covering the open top of a heat resistive container and a sealing piece 5 detachably adhered to a vent portion 4 formed in said thin film.

Japanese U.M. Application (Kokai) Pub. No. S63-156978 relates to a food packing body for cooking food by microwave oven, which body is composed of a container 3 having a hole 4 for allowing the vapor therein to vent and a valve sheet 5 applied to said container. Said valve sheet 5 is applied thereto by a low melting point adhesive which is spread from the periphery of the hole 4 to the outer edge of the valve sheet 5.

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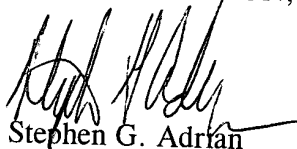
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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